

Interview Summary

On 12/15/2008 applicant's attorney, Ronald D. Faggetter (Reg. No. 33,345), authorized an interview between the examiner (James Sells) and the inventor (Stefan Tobolka).

During the interview, Mr. Tobolka described the details of his invention. In particular, he emphasized the non-linear weld pattern created by the sealing jaws. He also emphasized the criticality of using anodised aluminum and described the cutting operation in which a spike current is applied to the knife after a sealing dwell time in order to cut the already-sealed materials.

The examiner pointed out that differences between the prior art and applicant's invention are not recited in applicant's claims. The examiner believes there is allowable subject matter in the application. However, such allowable subject matter is not yet present in the claims. Both the examiner and Mr. Tobolka agreed that any further discussion about the claim language would be handled by the examiner and applicant's attorney (Mr. Faggetter).